

# The New York Times

## SIENA COLLEGE

### New York City Poll September 28 – October 2, 2013

Likely voter N = 700

*AN ASTERISK INDICATES REGISTERED RESPONDENTS. "LV" INDICATES LIKELY VOTERS. TRENDS ARE BASED ON NEW YORK TIMES POLLS EXCEPT: NEW YORK TIMES/WCBS NEWS POLLS: APRIL 1985 - JUNE 1990, MAY 1993 - OCT. NEW YORK TIMES/CBS NEWS POLLS: OCT. 1998 - OCT. 2000, SEPT. 2006, AUG. 2011, NEW YORK TIMES/CORNELL UNIVERSITY/NY1 JUN. 2009 AND NEW YORK TIMES/SIENA COLLEGE JULY 2013, AUGUST 2013.*

What borough in New York City do you NOW live in?

	Bronx	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens	Staten Island	Refused
<b>9/28-10/2/13*</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Likely Voters</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>

1. Do you feel things in New York City are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

	Right direction	Wrong track	DK/NA
10/21-26/05	63	28	8
6/6-11/08	37	56	7
8/9-15/11	36	54	10
7/9-15/13*	51	41	8
8/19-28/13*	45	46	9
<b>9/28-10/2/13*</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Likely voters</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>8</b>

Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you registered to vote in the election district where you now live, or aren't you?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
<b>9/28-10/2/13</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>

Are you registered in a specific party? IF YES, ASK: What party are you registered in -- the Republican party, the Democratic party, the Conservative party, the Working Families party, Independence party, Green party, or something else?

	<b>9/28-10/2/13*</b>
Republican	<b>12</b>
Democratic	<b>60</b>
Conservative	<b>1</b>
Working families	<b>-</b>
Independence party	<b>5</b>
Green party	<b>-</b>
Other	<b>1</b>
Not registered in a party	<b>17</b>
DK/NA	<b>5</b>

How likely is it that you will vote in the 2013 election for Mayor on November 5<sup>th</sup>? Would you say you are almost certain to vote, very likely to vote, somewhat likely to vote, not very likely to vote, or not at all likely to vote?

	Almost certain	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not very likely	Not at all likely	DK/NA
<b>9/28-10/2/13*</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>

7. Is your opinion of Bill de Blasio favorable, not favorable, or haven't you heard enough about Bill de Blasio yet to have an opinion? **QUESTIONS 7-9 ROTATED.**

	Favorable	Not Favorable	Haven't heard enough	Refused
9/28-10/2/13 LV	58	19	20	3

8. Is your opinion of Joseph Lhota favorable, not favorable, or haven't you heard enough about Joseph Lhota yet to have an opinion? **QUESTIONS 7-9 ROTATED.**

	Favorable	Not Favorable	Haven't heard enough	Refused
9/28-10/2/13 LV	22	36	40	3

9. Is your opinion of Adolfo Carrion favorable, not favorable, or haven't you heard enough about Adolfo Carrion yet to have an opinion? **QUESTIONS 7-9 ROTATED.**

	Favorable	Not Favorable	Haven't heard enough	Refused
9/28-10/2/13 LV	7	14	76	3

10. Is your opinion of Michael Bloomberg favorable, not favorable, or haven't you heard enough about Michael Bloomberg yet to have an opinion?

	Favorable	Not Favorable	Haven't heard enough	Refused
9/28-10/2/13 LV	46	47	3	4

11. Is your opinion of Rudolph Giuliani favorable, not favorable, or haven't you heard enough about Rudolph Giuliani yet to have an opinion?

	Favorable	Not Favorable	Haven't heard enough	Refused
9/28-10/2/13 LV	48	45	5	2

12. Is your opinion of David Dinkins favorable, not favorable, or haven't you heard enough about David Dinkins yet to have an opinion?

	Favorable	Not Favorable	Haven't heard enough	Refused
9/28-10/2/13 LV	40	37	19	3

13. If the election for New York City Mayor were being held today, would you vote for Joseph Lhota, the Republican candidate, Bill de Blasio, the Democratic candidate, or Adolfo Carrion, the Independence Party candidate? **CANDIDATE NAMES ROTATED.**

	<b>9/28-10/2/13 LV</b>	
Lhota	19	
de Blasio	68	
Carrion	2	
Other (vol.)	1	
Won't vote (vol.)	-	
DK/NA	10	

14. How likely would you say you are to vote for (CANDIDATE NAME)? Are you: 1. Absolutely certain -- there's no chance I will change my mind; 2. Fairly certain -- it is unlikely I will change my mind; 3. Not very certain -- I very well may change my mind or 4. Not certain at all -- there's a good chance I will change my mind.

	Absolutely certain	Fairly certain	Not very certain	Not certain at all	DK/NA
<b>9/28-10/2/13 LV</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Lhota voters</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>de Blasio voters</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>

15. Regardless of how you intend to vote, based on your knowledge of their experience and positions, which candidate do you think would do the best job on each of the following issues facing New York City -- Joseph Lhota or Bill de Blasio? **CANDIDATE NAMES AND QUESTIONS ROTATED.**

a. Keeping the city safe from crime?

	Joseph Lhota	Bill de Blasio	Adolfo Carrion (vol.)	Other (vol.)	DK/NA
<b>9/28-10/2/13 LV</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>

b. Improving public education?

	Joseph Lhota	Bill de Blasio	Adolfo Carrion (vol.)	Other (vol.)	DK/NA
<b>9/28-10/2/13 LV</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15</b>

c. Promoting economic development in New York City?

	Joseph Lhota	Bill de Blasio	Adolfo Carrion (vol.)	Other (vol.)	DK/NA
<b>9/28-10/2/13 LV</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14</b>

d. Addressing city taxes?

	Joseph Lhota	Bill de Blasio	Adolfo Carrion (vol.)	Other (vol.)	DK/NA
<b>9/28-10/2/13 LV</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16</b>

e. Addressing the housing needs of New Yorkers?

	Joseph Lhota	Bill de Blasio	Adolfo Carrion (vol.)	Other (vol.)	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	17	69	-	-	13

f. Dealing with the gap between the rich and poor in New York City?

	Joseph Lhota	Bill de Blasio	Adolfo Carrion (vol.)	Other (vol.)	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	15	69	-	-	16

g. Keeping the city safe from a terrorist attack?

	Joseph Lhota	Bill de Blasio	Adolfo Carrion (vol.)	Other (vol.)	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	26	49	-	-	24

h. Keeping the city safe during a natural disaster?

	Joseph Lhota	Bill de Blasio	Adolfo Carrion (vol.)	Other (vol.)	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	28	50	-	-	21

16. In deciding how you will vote for Mayor this year, which ONE of the following issues will be most important to you? 1. Education; 2. City taxes; 3. Housing; 4. Crime; OR 5. Jobs and unemployment. **ANSWER CHOICES ROTATED.**

	Education	City taxes	Housing	Crime	Jobs and unemployment	Other (vol.)	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	27	8	11	18	30	1	4

17. Do you think of Bill de Blasio as more of a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative? (If Liberal, ask:) Would you say he is very liberal or only somewhat liberal? (If Conservative, ask:) Would you say he is only somewhat conservative or very conservative? **QUESTIONS 17/18 ROTATED WITH 19/20.**

	Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	33	27	22	5	2	10

18. Do you think Bill de Blasio's views on most issues are too liberal for you, not liberal enough, or just about right? **BASED ON THOSE WHO SAID "VERY LIBERAL" OR "SOMEWHAT LIBERAL" TO Q17.**

	Too liberal	Not liberal enough	Just about right	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	33	6	57	4

19. Do you think of Joseph Lhota as more of a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative? (If Liberal, ask:) Would you say he is very liberal or only somewhat liberal? (If Conservative, ask:) Would you say he is only somewhat conservative or very conservative? **QUESTIONS 17/18 ROTATED WITH 19/20.**

	Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	2	3	24	27	22	22

20. Do you think Joseph Lhota's views on most issues are too conservative for you, not conservative enough, or just about right? **BASED ON THOSE WHO SAID "VERY CONSERVATIVE" OR "SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE" TO Q19.**

	Too conservative	Not conservative enough	Just about right	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	57	4	31	7

21. Thinking about Bill de Blasio so far, do you think there has been too much, too little, or the right amount of coverage of his family and personal life? **QUESTIONS 21-22 ROTATED.**

	Too much	Too little	Right amount	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	35	7	47	11

22. Thinking about Joe Lhota so far, do you think there has been too much, too little, or the right amount of coverage of his family and personal life? **QUESTIONS 21-22 ROTATED.**

	Too much	Too little	Right amount	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	6	47	29	19

**QUESTIONS 23a. THRU 23f. ROTATED AND CANDIDATE NAMES ROTATED:**

23. Regardless of how you intend to vote, which candidate do you think...

a. ...understands the needs and problems of people like yourself - Joseph Lhota or Bill de Blasio?

	Joseph Lhota	Bill de Blasio	Adolfo Carrion (vol.)	Other (vol.)	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	20	67	-	-	13

b. ...has the ability to manage New York City's complex government - Joseph Lhota or Bill de Blasio?

	Joseph Lhota	Bill de Blasio	Adolfo Carrion (vol.)	Other (vol.)	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	28	57	-	-	15

c. ...has a clear vision for New York City - Joseph Lhota or Bill de Blasio?

	Joseph Lhota	Bill de Blasio	Adolfo Carrion (vol.)	Other (vol.)	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	19	61	-	-	19

d. ...is tough enough to make hard decisions - Joseph Lhota or Bill de Blasio?

	Joseph Lhota	Bill de Blasio	Adolfo Carrion (vol.)	Other (vol.)	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	31	52	-	-	17

e. ...can foster compromise between different groups - Joseph Lhota or Bill de Blasio?

	Joseph Lhota	Bill de Blasio	Adolfo Carrion (vol.)	Other (vol.)	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	19	63	-	-	17

f. ...will bring about needed change -- Joseph Lhota or Bill de Blasio?

	Joseph Lhota	Bill de Blasio	Adolfo Carrion (vol.)	Other (vol.)	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	20	65	-	-	14

24. For each of the following issues that New York City and the next Mayor may face, tell me whether you support or oppose the position I describe.

a. Do you support or oppose stop and frisk, the police procedure where a police officer detains and searches an individual to determine if the person is carrying a concealed weapon?

	Support	Oppose	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	47	48	5

b. Do you support or oppose raising income taxes on New York City residents who make more than \$500,000 per year to fund citywide pre-kindergarten?

	Support	Oppose	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	71	26	3

c. Do you support or oppose creating more charter schools?

	Support	Oppose	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	56	34	10

d. Do you support or oppose the creation of the position of independent inspector general which would have the authority to monitor and review police policy and practices?

	Support	Oppose	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	70	25	4

e. Do you support or oppose keeping Ray Kelly as Police Commissioner?

	Support	Oppose	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	62	30	9

f. Do you support or oppose making affordable housing a top priority?

	Support	Oppose	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	85	14	2

25. If you had to choose, would you prefer a mayor whose top priority is lessening the gap between the rich and poor in New York City by expanding affordable housing and access to health care; OR 2) creating a climate that encourages and sustains job growth by reducing some regulations and taxes. **ANSWER CHOICES ROTATED.**

	Lessen gap between rich and poor	Encourage job growth	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13 LV	53	40	7

**ASK REGISTERED DEMOCRATS:**

29a. Did you vote for Mayor in the primary election just held on September 10th, did something prevent you from voting, or did you choose not to vote in the primary election?

	Voted	Prevented	Chose not to	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13* DEM	65	18	16	1

29b. In the primary election for Mayor, did you vote for Bill de Blasio, John Liu, Christine Quinn, Bill Thompson, Anthony Weiner, Erick Salgado, Sal Albanese, Randy Credico, or Neil Grimaldi? **AMONG REGISTERED DEMOCRATS WHO VOTED IN PRIMARY**

	9/28-10/2/13* DEM
Bill de Blasio	50
John Liu	3
Christine Quinn	14
Bill Thompson	23
Anthony Weiner	4
Erick Salgado	1
Sal Albanese	-
Randy Credico	
Neil Grimaldi	
Someone else (vol.)	-
Don't remember (vol.)	2
Won't say who/Refused	4

30a. Did you vote for Mayor in the primary election just held on September 10th, did something prevent you from voting, or did you choose not to vote in the primary election?

	Voted	Prevented	Chose not to	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13* REP	51	22	25	2



30b. In the primary election for Mayor, did you vote for John Catsimatidis, Joseph Lhota, or George McDonald? **AMONG REGISTERED REPUBLICANS WHO VOTED IN PRIMARY**

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Are you gay, lesbian or bisexual?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13*	7	87	6

Are you the parent or guardian of a child under 18 that lives with you?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13*	30	67	3

Are your children currently enrolled in public school, or private school, or parochial school? **AMONG PARENTS**

	9/28-10/2/13*
Public	55
Private	21
Parochial	5
Public & other	3
Charter school	3
Home schooled	-
Not school age	12
Other (Vol.)	1
DK/NA	1

Are you or any other member of your household - that is, any other adult living in your home or apartment - a member of a labor union? IF YES, ASK: Is that person you or someone else?

	Yes, respondent or respondent & someone else	Yes, someone else in household	No, no one	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13*	20	10	67	4

How much will your vote for Mayor be based on your union's endorsement of a candidate - a lot, some, not much or not at all? **AMONG UNION MEMBERS**

	A lot	Some	Not much	Not at all	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13*	13	27	12	47	1

Generally speaking, do you usually consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, a Liberal, a Conservative, or what?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Lib	Cons	Other	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13*	10	52	18	7	5	1	7

How would you describe your views on most political matters? Generally do you think of yourself as liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13*	33	38	21	7

What is your religious preference today?

	Catholic	Jewish	Protestant	Muslim	Other	No affiliation	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13*	31	12	22	3	5	20	7

What was the last grade in school you completed?

	Grade school	High school	Some college or trade school	Bachelor's degree	Grad or professional degree	Refused
9/28-10/2/13*	2	20	25	23	27	3

Age

	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Refused
9/28-10/2/13*	16	22	33	19	10

Are you of Hispanic origin or descent, such as Mexican, Dominican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
9/28-10/2/13*	23	71	6

Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

	White	Black	Asian	Other	Refused
9/28-10/2/13*	48	29	7	6	10

Which of the following general income categories is your total household income before taxes?

	Under 15,000	\$15,000 -29,999	\$30,000 -49,999	\$50,000 -74,999	\$75,000 -99,999	\$100-249,999	\$250K or more	Refused
9/28-10/2/13*	9	16	13	13	13	14	6	17

Gender

	Male	Female
9/28-10/2/13*	44	56